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SUBJECT: RETURN OF THE CROWN OF ST. STEPHEN - PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT LOSONCZI

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT TEXT OF A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT LOSONCZI WHICH WOULD BE READ AND DELIVERED DURING THE MEETING OF THE US DELEGATION WITH THE HUNGARIAN PRESIDENT JUST AFTER THE CEREMONY RETURNING THE CROWN. TEXT HAS BEEN CLEARED BY NIMETZ AND VEST AS WELL AS BY BOB KING (NSC) IN SUBSTANCE.

2. BEGIN TEXT (PARA) A DELEGATION OF DISTINGUISHED AMERICANS, REPRESENTING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND HEADED BY MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE, HAS JUST RETURNED TO THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE THE CROWN OF SAINT STEPHEN AND THE OTHER CORONATION
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REGALIA OF HUNGARY. (PARA) MR. PRESIDENT, THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWOPEOPLES ARE DEEP AND REACH BACK TO THE FOUNDING OF THE AMERICAN NATION TWO-HUNDRED YEARS AGO. THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE GROWING EVERY YEAR TO OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT. AS I MADE THE DECISIONS WHICH WERE CARRIED TO COMPLETION TODAY, BOTH OF THESE THOUGHTS W:RE FIRMLY IN MY MIND.

(PARA) IT IS MY SINCERE HOPE THAT WE MAY CONTINUE TO BUILD ON THESE TIES TO THE MUTUAL ADVANTAGE OF OUR PEOPLES. WE BOTH SHARE A COMMON INTEREST IN THE FULL REALIZATION OF THE GOALS SET FORTH IN THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. THE STRENGTHENING OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AND THE EXPANSION OF AREAS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL, I AM CONFIDENT, CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR OUR PEOPLES. (PARA) IN CONCLUSION, MR. RESIDENT, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY THANKS TO YOU FOR THE COURTESY WHICH YOU HAVE PERSONALLY EXTENDED TO THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION AND FOR THE HOSPITALITY SHOWN BY THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE. END TEXT

3. SINCE IT IS PLANNED TO MAKE THIS MESSAGE PUBLIC, WE WISH TO GIVE THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT A COPY OF THE TEXT IN ADVANCE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE REVIEW OF THE TEXT AND CLEARANCE FOR EMBASSY BUDAPEST TO PASS IT TO GOH. CHRISTOPHER

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